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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR US SUPPORT OF DROUGHT COMMITTEE

1. ACTING AT PERSONAL REQUEST OF PRESIDENT LAMIZANA,
CILSS CHAIRMAN DAKOURE ASKED ME TODAY WHETHER U.S.
COULD FINANCE "OPERATIONAL EXPENSES" FOR CILSS. HE
SAID LAMIZANA'S REQUEST COVERED TWO YEARS AND WOULD
REQUIRE 25 MILLION CFA PER YEAR. HE SAID EXPENSES OF
RUNNING COMMITTEE HAD BEEN IMPORTANT ISSUE IN RECENT
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CILSS MEETINGS IN OUAGADOUGOU. THD SIX COUNTRIES HAD

PROMISED TO "FAIRE UN EFFORT" BUT THEY COULD HANDLE ONLY SMALL PORTION THESE COSTS SINCE EFFECTS OF DROUGHT WOULD DIMINISH ANTICIPATED GOVERNMENT REVENUES.

2. I ASKED HIM EXACTLY WHAT HE MEANT BY OPERATING EXPENSES. I TOLD HIM WE HAD BEEN UNOFFICIALLY INFORMED THAT COMMITTEE WOULD SEEK TOTAL 5 OR 6 EXPERTS FROM BILATERAL DONORS IN KEY FIELDS SUCH AS WATER RESOURCES, RANGE MANAGEMENT, GRAINS, ETC., PLUS AN ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER. I SAID WE UNDERSTOOD COMMITTEE HOPED DONORS WOULD PROVIDE THEIR EXPERTS WITH SUFFICIENT ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT INCLUDED IN PACKAGE. IF THIS WERE CASE, I WONDERED WHAT OTHER SORTS OF EXPENSES HE HAD IN MIND.

3. WITH SOME HESITATION, DAKOURE SAID IT WAS PRIMARILY OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND TRAVEL EXPENSES. WHEN I PUSHED HIM ON WHO WOULD TRAVEL, HE REPLIED PRESIDENT OF COMMITTEE (LAMIZANA), OTHER CHEFS OF STATE, AND REGIONAL COORDINATOR AND REGIONAL COUNSELOR (DAKOURE AND KONATE). I TOLD HIM I DOUBTED THIS WAS KIND OF EXPENSE THAT WE COULD READILY ASSUME, BUT I PROMISED BRING HIS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON'S ATTENTION.

4. I URGED THAT IN THE MEANTIME HE CONTACT UNDP, FED AND ECA, ALL OF WHOM I SAID I CONSIDERED PERHAPS MORE LOGICAL SOURCES FOR THIS KIND OF HELP. I TOLD HIM I THOUGHT THAT ECA AND UNDP ASSISTANCE TO LIPTAKO-GOURMA AUTHORITY MAY HAVE INCLUDED THESE SORTS OF EXPENSES. HE SAID HE WAS UNAWARE OF THAT BUT WOULD PURSUE IT. HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD RAISE THE QUESTION WITH UNDP IN NEW YORK IN EARLY OCTOBER, ALTHOUGH HE HAD NOT RECEIVED ENCOURAGEMENT FROM INITIAL INQUIRIES IN THAT DIRECTION. (FYI: UN ACTING RESREP INFORMS ME DAKOURE HAS NOT RAISED OPERATING EXPENSE QUESTION WITH HIM. HE BELIEVES UNDP WOULD BE WILLING FINANCE OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND TRAVEL FOR AT LEAST DAKOURE AND KONATE BUT NOT RPT NOT FOR CHIEFS OF STATE. END FYI.)

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5. DAKOURE CONFIRMED SEARCH FOR EXPERTS FROM BILATERAL SOURCES, STATING THAT HE ANTICIPATED CILSS WOULD LOOK TO U.S. TO PROVIDE A RANGE MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST.

6. DAKOURE'S UPCOMING PERSONAL TRAVEL SCHEDULE AND THAT OF PRESIDENT LAMIZANA TO U.S. BEING REPORTED BY SEPTTEL.

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